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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/199,129
Filed: November 24, 1998
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
with Plants
Applicants: BYRUM *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.140

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. an Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.140. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
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Amendment

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Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendment in the above-captioned application.

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